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3	CASE NO. 3:04-CV-146-99HT	rs .
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5	company, Plaintiff,	:
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,	LEASING, INC., a	•
8	corporation	•
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2	(It is hereby stipulated and
3	agreed by and between counsel that
4	the sealing, filing and
5	certification are waived; and that
6	all objections, except as to the
7	form of questions, be reserved
8	until the time of trial.)
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10	LORRAINE T. ROBINS, after
11	having been duly sworn, was
12	examined and testified as follows:
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14	EXAMINATION
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16	MR. MOLDOFF: We will
17	reserve the right to read and sign
18	the transcript.
19	BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
20	Q. Please state your full name.
21	A. Lorraine Robins.
22	Q. What is your residence
23	address?
24	A. 7900 Old York Road,
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- 1 apartment 812B, Elkins Park,
- 2 Pennsylvania.
- 3 Q. Ms. Robins, have you ever
- 4 had your deposition taken before?
- 5 A. Several, several years ago.
- 6 Q. I'm going to ask you some
- 7 questions. If you don't understand the
- 8 question, you can ask me to repeat it or
- 9 rephrase it.
- 10 If you want to take a break
- 11 during this deposition, all you have to
- 12 say is that you want to take a break and
- 13 we are under your control. Other than
- 14 that, your counsel will probably
- 15 interpose objections from time to time as
- 16 to form.
- 17 If there's an objection as
- 18 to form, then you answer the question.
- 19 If counsel instructs you not to answer,
- 20 then of course you do not answer.
- 21 A. I understand.
- Q. Do you recall the cases in
- 23 which you've had your deposition taken?
- A. No, I really don't. It was,

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- 1 as I said, many, many years ago.
- 2 Q. And what type of case?
- 3 A. Maritime.
- 4 Q. Personal injury?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Cargo?
- 7 A. No, it wouldn't be cargo.
- 8 Q. Do you recall what it was?
- 9 A. It was about shipping,
- 10 that's all I remember.
- 11 Q. What is your business
- 12 address?
- 13 A. 7900 Old York Road, Suite
- 14 116A.
- 15 Q. Where?
- 16 A. Elkins Park, Pennsylvania.
- 17 Q. By whom are you employed?
- 18 A. I'm not employed, I'm
- 19 retired at this time.
- Q. When were you last employed?
- 21 A. June '02.
- Q. By whom were you last
- 23 employed?
- A. Gloucester Terminals, LLC or

- 1 Inc.
- 2 Q. Where is Gloucester
- 3 Terminals located?
- 4 A. Gloucester City, New Jersey.

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- 5 Q. Is there a street address?
- 6 A. King and Essex Streets.
- 7 Q. Is that a Holt Company?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 MR. MOLDOFF: I object to
- 10 the question. I don't know
- 11 whether you know what a Holt
- 12 Company is.
- 13 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 14 Q. Is that a company in which
- 15 any member of the Holt Company is
- 16 involved?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Who is involved in
- 19 Gloucester Terminals from the Holt
- 20 family?
- 21 A. Leo Holt.
- Q. How long were you employed
- 23 by Gloucester Terminals?
- A. Approximately a year. No,

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- 1 no, wait a minute. I'm not sure. I
- 2 think it was a year.
- 3 Q. What was your position?
- 4 A. At that particular time I
- 5 didn't have a position. I mean, I wasn't
- 6 an officer.
- 7 Q. What were your
- 8 responsibilities?
- 9 A. My responsibilities, I was
- 10 involved in the operations and -- let me
- 11 think -- and general office.
- 12 Q. What did you have to do with
- 13 operations?
- 14 A. A lot of the customers, I
- 15 would deal with the customers, any
- 16 complaints or things that they had.
- 17 Q. And what did you have to do
- 18 with the general office?
- 19 A. With the general office,
- 20 there was -- sometimes I would help out
- 21 with the receivables. Various things.
- 22 Just general.
- Q. What is your employment
- 24 history prior to Gloucester Terminals?

- 1 A. I was executive
- 2 vice-president of the Holt Group, Inc.
- 3 Q. When did you become
- 4 executive vice-president of the Holt
- 5 Group, Inc.?
- A. When the group was formed? 6
- 7 Q. When was the group formed?
- 8 MR. MOLDOFF: If you know.
- 9 THE WITNESS: I don't know.
- 10 It was in the -- I don't know. I
- 11 would have to look it up.
- 12 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 13 Q. Approximately how many years
- 14 ago was the Holt Group formed?
- 15 A. The Holt Group was formed --
- 16 from today?
- Q. Yes. 17
- 18 A. Five.
- 19 Q. Five years ago?
- 20 Mm-hum, yes.
- 21 Q. And as executive
- 22 vice-president, what were your duties and
- 23 responsibilities?
- 24 A. I was Tom Holt, Senior's

- 1 assistant.
- 2 And what did you do as Tom

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- Holt, Senior's assistant?
- A. Different operations. I did
- finance, I did sales.
- 6 Q. What did you do in
- 7 operations?
- A. A lot of coordination.
- 9 What type of coordination?
- 10 A. Talking to the managers of
- the piers, conveying any problems that 11
- they would have directly to Tom, Senior,
- 13 and anything that they came to me with.
- 14 Q. What did you do in finance?
- 15 A. I set up a lot of payments
- for various projects that we had. Also
- dealt, you know, with meetings with our 17
- 18 banks.
- 19 Anything else?
- 20 No.
- 21 What did you do in sales?
- 22 Sales, together with Tom, we
- basically all of the container lines.
- Originally we would do the contracts with

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- 1 the container lines and call on them,
- 2 which would be -- at that particular time
- 3 we had about six major lines. And they
- would deal strictly with Tom or myself.
- 5 Q. What was the business of the
- Holt Group, Inc.?
- 7 A. I'm not exactly sure of the
- structure of the company. It was
- formed --
- 10 MR. MOLDOFF: I think he's
- 11 asking what did they do, what was
- 12 their business.
- 13 THE WITNESS: They were like
- 14 a holding company, I believe. I
- 15 don't know.
- 16 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 17 Q. How long did you remain
- executive vice-president of the Holt
- 19 Group, Inc.?
- 20 A. Until, I guess, June of '02,
- 21 June 30, 2002.
- 22 Q. Why did you leave?
- 23 A. That was after the company
- 24 went into Chapter 7.

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- Q. Did you also work for 1
- Gloucester Terminals while you were 2
- vice-president of the Holt Group, Inc.?
- A. No, I did not.
- 5 Q. When did you start working
- 6 for Gloucester Terminals?
- 7 A. In July of '02.
- 8 Q. When did you stop working
- for Gloucester Terminals?
- 10 A. I must have had my dates
- wrong, because I stopped working for them
- 12 before I said '02. I think it was '03
- 13 that I stopped. I had the wrong time
- 14 line.
- Q. What is your employment 15
- 16 history prior to becoming executive
- 17 vice-president of the Holt Group, Inc.?
- 18 A. Executive vice-president for
- 19 Holt Cargo Systems, Inc.
- 20 Q. What is or was Holt Cargo
- Systems, Inc.? 21
- 22 A. Holt Cargo Systems, Inc. was
- 23 a trucking company, a warehousing company
- 24 and a stevedoring company.

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- Q. When did you become 1
- executive vice-president of Holt Cargo
- 3 Systems Inc.?
- A. When the company was formed.
- 5 Q. When was the company formed?
- 6 A. I would have to check that
- 7 date.
- 8 Q. How long did you remain
- executive vice-president?
- 10 A. About 35 years.
- 11 Q. Do you recall when you ended
- 12 your executive vice-presidency with Holt
- 13 Cargo Systems, Inc.?
- 14 A. No, I do not.
- 15 Q. As executive vice-president
- 16 of Holt Cargo Systems, Inc., what were
- 17 your duties and responsibilities?
- 18 The same as I described
- 19 before.
- 20 Operations?
- 21 Mm-hum.
- 22 Q. What did you do in
- 23 operations?
- 24 A. Coordinated with the pier

- 1 and our customers.
- Q. What did you do in finance?
- 3 A. Oversaw the payables. We
- 4 had a department, but I set up payment
- 5 structures for certain accounts.
- 6 Q. What did you do in sales?
- 7 A. Same as I did before, dealt
- 8 with the container lines and the fruit,
- 9 break bulk customers.
- 10 Q. Holt Cargo Systems, Inc. was
- 11 involved in trucking, was it not?
- 12 A. Trucking.
- 13 Q. And what else?
- 14 A. Warehousing and stevedoring.
- 15 Q. As executive vice-president,
- 16 to whom did you report?
- 17 A. Thomas Holt, Senior.
- 18 Q. Prior to becoming executive
- 19 vice-president of Holt Cargo Systems
- 20 Inc., what did you do, what was your
- 21 employment history?
- A. You take me back 40-some
- 23 years. Aging me right before my eyes.
- Q. Look at me.

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- 1 A. Before that I worked for
- 2 Overland Motor Freight, from 1946 to
- 3 about 1961. And 1961 I went to work for
- Holt Motor Express they were good times.
- 5 Q. What did you do with Holt
- 6 Motor Express?
- 7 A. Holt Motor Express, I did
- 8 the billing, I did the dispatching, I
- coordinated with dispatching and I did
- 10 the bookkeeping.
- 11 What --
- And sales. 12
- 13 What position did you hold?
- 14 A. We didn't have a position in
- 15 that company.
- 16 Q. How long did you remain with
- 17 Holt Motor Express?
- 18 A. From -- 1946 was the wrong
- date, because I was with Overland first.
- 20 Q. No, you said that --
- 21 All right.
- 22 You were with Overland from
- 23 '46 to '61, I believe.
- 24 A. No, no, no. If I did I'm

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- 1 wrong. Overland I was with from '46 to
- 2 '61. Yeah, you are right. That's right.
- 3 I'm confused. I only had three jobs in
- 4 my life.
- 5 Q. You joined Holt Motor
- 6 Express in 1961?
- 7 A. 1961, correct.
- 8 Q. How long did you remain with
- 9 Holt Motor Express?
- 10 A. Until the company I don't
- 11 know how the company structure went, but
- 12 at that time we ended up -- they ended up
- 13 incorporating the companies. Before,
- 14 Holt Motor Express was a privately-owned
- 15 company by Leo Holt. And when Mr. Holt
- 16 died, they formed a corporation. And the
- 17 corporation was called Holt Cargo
- 18 Systems, Inc.
- 19 So that I've been with the
- 20 company 35 years, 40 years. No, 35,
- 21 because the rest was Holt Group, Inc.
- 22 Q. When Holt Cargo Systems,
- 23 Inc. was incorporated, did you join Holt
- 24 Cargo Systems, Inc.?

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- A. Mm-hum.
- 2 At that time did you become
- executive vice-president?
- A. I don't remember. I
- 5 think -- yes, yes. I don't know whether
- 6 it was executive or just vice-president.
- 7 Q. While you have been with any
- 8 of the Holt Companies, Holt Group, Holt
- 9 Cargo Systems, Inc., Gloucester
- 10 Terminals, that's what I am calling the
- 11 Holt Companies for purposes of this
- 12 question.
- 13 A. Well, I don't --
- 14 Q. Strike the question, I will
- 15 ask it a different way.
- 16 Yes. A.
- Q. While you were with Overland 17
- 18 Motor Freight, did you have any
- 19 responsibilities with respect to
- 20 equipment?
- 21 A. Equipment?
- 22 Yes. Q.
- A. What do you mean by 23
- 24 equipment?

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- Q. Well, buying equipment for 1
- 2 the company, selling equipment for the
- 3 company?
- MR. MOLDOFF: Are you
- 5 talking about any equipment?
- 6 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes.
- 7 THE WITNESS: No. I was
- general office manager.
- BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 10 Q. While you were with Holt
- Motor Express, did you have any
- 12 responsibilities with respect to buying,
- selling, leasing equipment?
- 14 A. What kind of equipment are
- 15 you talking about? That's awfully broad.
- 16 Q. Trailers, containers,
- 17 gensets, cargo-moving equipment.
- 18 A. No, I did not.
- 19 Q. While you were with Holt
- 20 Cargo Systems, Inc., did you have any
- responsibilities with respect to
- cargo-moving equipment such as trailers,
- containers, gensets, chassis?
- 24 A. No.

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- 1 Q. While you were with Holt
- 2 Group, Inc., did you have any
- 3 responsibilities with respect to
- 4 equipment such as trailers, containers,
- 5 gensets or chassis?
- A. No. 6
- Q. While you were with
- Gloucester Terminals, Inc., did you have
- any responsibilities with respect to such
- 10 equipment?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Have you ever had any
- 13 responsibilities with respect to
- 14 equipment such as containers, trailers,
- 15 gensets or chassis?
- 16 A. Could you repeat that
- 17 question, please?
- 18
- 19 (Whereupon, the pertinent
- 20 portion of the record was read.)
- 21
- 22 THE WITNESS: With
- 23 Gloucester Terminals?
- 24 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:

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- With anyone. 1
- 2 A. With anyone?
- 3 MR. MOLDOFF: Up to the
- 4 present.
- 5 THE WITNESS: What do you
- mean by responsibilities? 6
- 7 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- Q. Have you ever dealt with
- 9 buying, selling or leasing trailers,
- 10 containers, gensets or chassis?
- 11 A. No.
- Q. What is your educational 12
- 13 background?
- 14 A. I had two years of college
- 15 and -- or two years of business school
- 16 and one year of college.
- 17 Q. Am I correct in
- 18 understanding that you retired from
- 19 Gloucester Terminals in June of 2003?
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. After June 23rd, have you 21
- 22 worked?
- 23 A. Could you define work? I
- 24 mean what do you mean work?

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- 1 Q. Have you been involved in
- 2 any business activities?
- 3 A. I have been assisting and
- 4 doing the -- I don't know how exactly to
- 5 explain this. Let me think about this a
- 6 minute. I have been working to
- 7 straighten out the billing for Emerald
- 8 Equipment but this is basically
- 9 something that Tom Holt, Senior asked me
- 10 to help him out with. It is a nonpaying
- 11 job.
- 12 Q. When did you begin working
- 13 to straighten out the billing for Emerald
- 14 Equipment?
- 15 A. I began working doing that,
- 16 I would say, late in '02.
- 17 Q. Are you still working to
- 18 straighten out the billing for Emerald
- 19 Equipment?
- A. I could spend a lifetime
- 21 doing it.
- Q. Are you still doing it?
- A. Yes, I am.
- 24 MR. MOLDOFF: Off the

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3	(V)	/hereupon, a o	discussion was			
4	held o	ff the record.))			
5						
6	BY MR. A	RMSTRONO	3 :			
7	Q. D	oid Tom Holt,	Senior contact			
8	you in con	nection with t	this project in			
9	late '02?					
10	A. I	don't know e	xactly how it			
11	came abou	ıt. I think tha	t I'm not sure			
12	2 how it came about.					
13	Q. V	What				
14	A. I	But I did it as	a favor to			
15	him.					
16	Q. I	łave you ever	been paid in			
17	connection	n with your w	ork in regard to	•		
8	8 straightening up the billing for Emerald					
9	9 Equipment?					
20	A. N	No.				
21	Q. H	łave you ever	received any			
22	money fro	m Holt Logis	tics?			
23	A. N	٧o.		,		

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Q. Have you ever received any

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- 1 money from MBC Leasing in connection with
- 2 this project?
- 3 A. No.
- Q. When you were approached,
- 5 were you given any instructions?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Have you ever been given any
- 8 instructions in regard to straightening
- 9 out the billing for Emerald Equipment?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Have you ever been involved
- with NPR Holding Corp. in any capacity?
- 13 A. When I was with Holt Group,
- 14 Inc., yes. NPR, I don't know whether
- 15 it's all the same. I don't know what
- 16 they were called.
- 17 Q. When you say "they," what do
- 18 you mean?
- 19 A. NPR I was involved with.
- 20 How were you involved with
- 21 NPR?
- 22 A. I was involved with their
- 23 trucking -- I was involved with their
- 24 finance. Their accounts payable system

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- 1 was subcontracted out to a company in
- 2 Phoenix, Arizona. And we started having
- 3 a lot of problems with nonpayment of
- 4 bills, so we brought -- NPR/Holt/Holt
- 5 Logistics to do their accounts payable,
- 6 and I dealt with the truckers trying to
- 7 get the truckers straightened out. They
- 8 had bills -- I reconciled their accounts,
- 9 the truckers. I dealt mainly with the
- 10 truckers.
- 11 Q. Have you had any other
- 12 involvement with NPR?
- 13 A. What do you mean by
- 14 involvement?
- 15 Q. Have you done any work or
- 16 performed any business activities related
- 17 to NPR?
- 18 A. Just what would be required
- of me as the executive vice-president of
- Holt holding companies, Holt Group, Inc.
- 21 Q. And do you recall what was
- 22 required of you?
- 23 A. No. I was just very
- 24 involved in this situation with

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- 1 straightening out the truckers.
- 2 Q. Have you ever performed any
- 3 work or been involved in business
- 4 activities related to Greenwich
- Terminals?
- 6 A. No.
- Q. Do you know what Greenwich
- Terminals is?
- A. Greenwich Terminals, I
- 10 believe, is the operator of Packer Avenue
- Marine Terminal. 11
- 12 Q. Have you had any
- 13 communications with anyone from Greenwich
- 14 Terminals in connection with Emerald
- 15 Equipment?
- 16 A. Yes, I have. A couple times
- 17 I had to check some TIR information with
- the clerks. The clerks would be the ILA
- 19 clerks at the pier.
- 20 Q. Why would you check TIR
- information with a clerk at the pier?
- 22 A. Because I would need a copy
- or something like that.
- 24 Q. Are the clerks at the pier

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- the ones who keep the TIRs?
- 2 Well, the TIRs, when they
- 3 come in, the trucker gets one, the
- 4 customer -- I think and the -- they
- 5 electronically do most of the work there.
- 6 Then they file. They used to give them
- 7 copies, but now it's practically all
- 8 electronic.
- Q. Are you talking about
- Greenwich being electronic?
- 11 A. No. I'm talking about --
- 12 Greenwich is electronic. I'm talking
- 13 about your Maersk Lines, Blue Star Lines,
- 14 PAO. These are steamship lines. They
- 15 were all electronic. And all the
- 16 information with the TIRs goes to them
- 17 automatically. I think something like
- every 15 minutes. 18
- 19 Q. Do you know when this
- started, this electronic transfer of
- information?
- 22 MR. MOLDOFF: Where are we
- 23 talking about?
- 24 MR. MOLDOFF: At Greenwich.

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- 1 THE WITNESS: From the time
- 2 they went in business.
- 3 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- Q. When did Greenwich go into
- 5 business?
- 6 A. I don't know.
- Q. Do you know the approximate
- 8 date, the year?
- 9 A. I don't want to venture a
- 10 guess.
- 11 Q. While you were with Holt
- 12 Group, did you work with Arthur Davis?
- 13 A. Yes, I did.
- 14 Q. When did you begin working
- 15 with Arthur Davis?
- 16 A. Arthur Davis worked for Holt
- 17 Logistics. And I guess I started --
- 18 well, prior to that. When he was with
- 19 Holt Logistics, he came in when the
- 20 treasurer for NPR -- when they moved the
- 21 accounts payable down to Holt Logistics,
- 22 the treasurer didn't come, and Arthur
- 23 took over his job. He was dealing with
- 24 accounts payable. So I dealt with him

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- 1 about the payment of the truckers.
- Q. Who was the NPR treasurer?
- 3 A. Vince -- I don't think of
- 4 his last name. I'm sorry, I forget his
- 5 last name. I don't remember his last
- 6 name.
- 7 Q. Had you worked with Arthur
- 8 Davis before that?
- 9 A. Yes, I worked with him
- 10 before that. He worked for the Holt
- 11 Companies for quite a number of years, so
- 12 we crossed paths all the time.
- 13 Q. What positions did he hold
- 14 with the Holt Companies?
- 15 A. He held maintenance,
- 16 construction positions. Accounting he
- 17 did. He originally started out doing
- 18 accounting. Then he did construction,
- 19 maintenance, leasing. When he went to
- 20 NPR, I know he was doing leasing.
- Q. When did he begin working
- 22 for NPR?
- A. Whenever Holt Logistics was
- 24 engaged by NPR to do their accounting or

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- 1 whatever.
- 2 Q. Do you know how long he
- remained with NPR?
- MR. MOLDOFF: Objection to
- 5 form.
- THE WITNESS: He didn't work
- for NPR. 7
- 8 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 9 Q. He took over the NPR
- 10 treasurer's job?
- 11 A. No, no, I did not say he
- 12 took over -- I said Holt Logistics put
- 13 him in there for the treasurer. That's a
- 14 little bit different.
- 15 Q. When Holt Logistics put him
- 16 in there for the treasurer --
- 17 A. No, to do the treasurer's
- 18 job.
- Q. To do the treasurer's job? 19
- 20 A. Right.
- What was that job? 21
- 22 A. What does a treasurer do?
- 23 He manages money, he sets up payment of
- 24 the bills and he did oversee the accounts

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- 1 payable department.
- 2 Q. Did he oversee equipment
- 3 leasing by NPR?
- A. What he did is, he was
- 5 responsible for the payments to the
- 6 various leases that NPR had, such as with
- 7 Interpool and whatever other ones they
- 8 may have had, with Emerald. That's where
- 9 he was familiar with the leasing.
- 10 Q. Was he responsible for
- 11 inventories of equipment that NPR had?
- 12 A. I would not know the answer
- 13 to that.
- 14 Q. Do you know how long Arthur
- 15 Davis remained in the treasurer's job or
- 16 the NPR treasurer's job?
- 17 MR. MOLDOFF: While he was
- 18 working --
- 19 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 20 That he had taken over.
- 21 He wasn't the treasurer.
- 22 I understand.
- 23 A. All right. But the way you
- 24 were putting the question to me sounds

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- 1 like he had the treasurer's job. He had
- 2 the treasure's duties, but he didn't have
- 3 his job.
- Q. Do you know how long Arthur
- 5 Davis had --
- A. I don't know when it began,
- 7 but I know that it was until the end --
- 8 until April 26th. I don't know when it
- 9 started.
- 10 Q. Of what year?
- 11 '02. A.
- Q. Why did it end on April 26, 12
- 13 '02?
- 14 A. The company was sold to Sea
- 15 Star Line.
- 16 Q. What company?
- 17 A. NPR.
- 18 Q. Were you involved at all in
- 19 the sale of NPR assets to Sea Star Line?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Did you handle
- 22 communications on behalf of Tom Holt,
- 23 Senior, in connection with the sale of
- 24 NPR assets to Sea Star Line?

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- 1 A. No.
- 2 Do you know Bob Magee?
- A. No. 3
- Q. Have you ever spoken with
- 5 Bob Magee?
- 6 A. No.
- Q. Do you know Brian Bogen?
- A. No.
- 9 Q. Do you recall speaking with
- Brian Bogen? 10
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Do you know Mike Shea?
- 13 Yes.
- 14 Q. How do you know Mike Shea?
- 15 A. I knew Mike Shea from --
- prior to his going with Sea Star Line,
- 17 from the industry.
- 18 Q. In what connection did you
- 19 know Mike Shea from the industry?
- 20 A. He worked for one of our
- 21 clients. I cannot recall who it was.
- 22 And that's how I knew him.
- 23 Q. Did you have any
- 24 communications with Mike Shea while he

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- 1 was with Sea Star Line?
- A. Just hello and good-bye when 2
- 3 they were in Gloucester.
- Q. Do you know Phil Bates? 4
- 5 A. Met him, also, once in
- 6 Gloucester.
- 7 Q. Do you have any
- communications with Phil Bates?
- 9 A. No.
- Q. Do you know Bob Leach? 10
- 11 A. Yes. Again, they were all
- 12 in Gloucester during the week or so
- before the sale was finalized.
- 14 Q. When you say "they were
- all," who do you mean?
- A. I meant Phil Bates, Mike 16
- 17 Shea, Bob Leach and some other people
- 18 that I didn't meet.
- Q. Do you know why they were in 19
- Gloucester?
- A. Yes. They were doing -- I 21
- 22 know they were in there because of the
- 23 sale. I imagine they were doing a due
- 24 diligence. I don't know.

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- 1 Q. Did you have any
- 2 responsibilities in connection with the
- 3 due diligence?
- A. No.
- 5 Q. Did you communicate with Bob
- 6 Leach in connection with the due
- 7 diligence?
- A. No.
- Q. Do you recall communicating 9
- with any representatives of Sea Star Line
- 11 in connection with the due diligence?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. When you were asked to begin
- 14 working to straighten out the billing for
- 15 Emerald Equipment, was anyone else
- involved in that project?
- A. Arthur Davis. 17
- 18 Q. What was Arthur Davis'
- involvement?
- 20 A. Arthur Davis had noticed the
- discrepancy in the bills. I guess -- he
- went to Tom Holt to point them out, and
- 23 that's when Tom asked me if I would get
- 24 involved and check it.

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- 1 Q. Did he tell you what he
- wanted you to do? 2
- 3 A. No.
- Do you have any specific
- duties in connection with this project?
- 6 Which project?
- 7 Q. The straightening out of the
- 8 billing for the Emerald equipment.
- 9 A. Yeah. Yes, I do.
- 10 Q. What specific duties do you
- have in connection with straightening out
- the billing for Emerald Equipment? 12
- 13 A. Well, one, I do the billing.
- 14 Q. Anything else?
- 15 Well, I started out with
- 16 their self-billing reports. And once I
- took them and put them on a spreadsheet,
- I started finding lots of errors. And
- from there I continued to bill.
- 20 Q. How did you determine that
- there were errors in the self-billing
- 22 reports?
- 23 A. I would -- well, let me
- 24 explain to you how I did it and that will

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- be much easier.
- 2 Yes, ma'am.
- 3 A. I took the self-billing
- 4 reports and put them on a spreadsheet.
- 5 If I am correct, I believe that we got
- 6 three months, the first three months,
- 7 half of May and then May, June, July --
- four months all in late
- September/October. I got them around
- 10 that time. Arthur gave them to me about
- 11 that time, after Tom told me to look at
- 12 it.
- 13 I took the sheets, the
- self-billing reports, and made a
- spreadsheet on each category, which would 15
- 16 be 20-foot chassis, 40-foot chassis,
- 17 45-foot chassis; gensets; 20-foot dry
- vans; 40-foot reefers; and 40-foot high
- cubes and 45-foot high cubes, and divided
- 20 it across with -- on the self-billing
- 21 reports. They had a date that they put
- 22 it on hire.
- 23 So I put the date on hire
- 24 and spread it across, by each month of

- 1 the billing. Then I started to check the
- 2 billings that were on the self-billing
- 3 report against our move histories and
- other documents, which brought up
- tremendous difference.
- 6 By this time it had to be
- 7 late in '02, at which time we did write
- 8 several, several e-mails and telephone
- 9 calls to Sea Star Line making them aware
- 10 of the discrepancies and asking them to
- get it straightened out. 11
- Q. Did you do anything else? 12
- 13 MR. MOLDOFF: Objection to
- 14 form.
- 15 THE WITNESS: What do you
- 16 mean anything else?
- 17 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 18 Q. In connection with
- straightening out the billing, this
- 20 project.
- 21 A. I don't really understand
- your question. Anything else such as?
- 23 Q. Did you take any action,
- 24 other than that that you described in

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- 1 your answer?
- 2 We sent them e-mails, we
- 3 reconciled out bills, we sent out bills.
- Q. When did you last send out
- bills to Sea Star Line?
- 6 A. We sent out bills -- we sent
- 7 the bills to our attorney and I don't
- 8 know when he forwarded them, but we are
- still in the process of amending bills.
- 10 Once we got the documents, we found
- 11 several more discrepancies and we are
- 12 amending the bills. So it's an ongoing
- 13 process right now.
- 14 Q. When did you last send the
- 15 bills to your attorney?
- 16 MR. MOLDOFF: I object to
- 17 the question to the extent it
- 18 calls for work product.
- BY MR. ARMSTRONG: 19
- 20 Q. When did you last send the
- 21 bills to your attorney.
- 22 A. I don't remember the time,
- 23 but I do believe that they were received
- 24 by Sea Star Line, because Andy Rooks or

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- 1 someone called and asked if we could
- 2 e-mail them down to him.
- 3 Q. Are you talking about
- 4 documents that were produced in response
- 5 to requests for production in this
- 6 litigation?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. When did you or Mr. Davis
- 9 last send bills to Sea Star Line?
- 10 A. I believe August of -- I
- 11 think in August of '04.
- 12 Q. You sent bills to Sea Star
- 13 Line in August of '04?
- 14 A. I believe so.
- 15 Q. Do you recall?
- 16 A. I had taken the billing,
- 17 which we originally started billing
- 18 because of discrepancies in the
- 19 self-billing report. Then we found
- 20 several other discrepancies. We did have
- 21 a loading manifest from the MAYAGUEZ, so
- 22 we sent a bill out for that.
- We were making them A, B, C,
- 24 D. It ended up getting to be very

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- 1 confusing, so in August '03, when I got a
- 2 report from Mr. Rooks, I decided to
- 3 combine all the billing, and correct the
- 4 mistakes, and combined all the billing in
- 5 categories for each unit rather than as
- we had been doing it in the past.
- 7 So we canceled out all those
- 8 invoices and did the individual invoices.
- So it was sometime in the period from
- 10 August to September of '03 that the bills
- 11 were sent out to Sea Star Line. I mean,
- 12 I would have to check the exact dates on
- 13 the bills. I don't recall, but it was in
- that period. And those bills were for
- each category of equipment. 15
- 16 Q. You referred to quote,
- 17 unquote, our move histories.
- 18 The ones we were working
- 19 with.
- 20 Who are "our?"
- 21 A. When I say our move
- histories, Arthur and I were both working
- 23 on them.
- 24 Q. But were these move

- 1 histories prepared by any particular
- 2 entity?
- 3 A. Yes, yes. These move
- 4 histories were originally prepared by
- 5 Holt Logistics on a program that they
- 6 wrote for Emerald Equipment.
- 7 Q. When was this program
- 8 written for Emerald?
- 9 A. I don't recall the date.
- 10 Q. Was it written after April
- 11 2002?
- 12 A. I don't know.
- Q. Did you use any other move
- 14 histories?
- 15 A. What do you mean?
- 16 Q. Other than the Holt
- 17 Logistics move histories.
- 18 A. I use documentation.
- 19 Q. You referred to quote,
- 20 unquote, other documents. What were the
- 21 other documents?
- A. There was input into the
- 23 computer from -- for the first three
- 24 weeks or so. Sea Star Line maintained

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- 1 the Holt Logistics system, and they were
- 2 entering various information into the
- system. So we used that.
- CSX Rail electronically
- gives Holt Logistics the movement on all
- 6 containers daily. Some of the truckers
- 7 had called in, and we got information
- 8 from them. It was various sources. But
- the hard documentation was the CSX Rail,
- 10 things like that.
- 11 Q. Did you obtain any TIRs?
- 12 A. Packer Avenue Marine
- Terminal, they gave us that was also
- 14 in the system, we could get the TIR
- 15 numbers from Holt Logistics. And when
- GTS started On August 1st in 16
- 17 Jacksonville, we got TIRs on them on all
- equipment that was returned to them by
- Sea Star Line. So they are the two
- sources of TIRs that we got. 20
- 21 Q. Did you get inventories from
- 22 GTS?
- A. I got some inventories from 23
- 24 GTS, I think.

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- 1 Q. Did you review those
- 2 inventories?
- 3 A. Absolutely.
- 4 Q. Did you get inventories
- 5 taken by JAX Port? Do you know what JAX
- 6 Port is?
- A. I know what JAX Port is.
- 8 The only inventory that I recall from JAX
- 9 Port was the sand lot, which they had an
- 10 inventory attached to the bill. When I
- 11 say they, I mean Sea Star Line billed for
- 12 the sand lot. And attached to that sand
- 13 lot bill was an inventory.
- Q. Who did Sea Star Line bill
- 15 for the sand lot?
- 16 A. I guess they billed MBC or
- 17 Emerald Equipment, one or the other.
- 18 Q. In regard to the Holt
- 19 Logistics system, are you familiar with
- 20 that system?
- 21 MR. MOLDOFF: Objection to
- form. Are you talking about the
- computer program?
- 24 THE WITNESS: What do you

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- mean, do I know about the system? 1
- BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 3 Q. Are you familiar with how
- the system works?
- 5 A. Depends on what -- there are
- 6 several different programs. Depends on
- what you are talking about.
- 8 Q. What programs are you
- familiar with in that system?
- 10 A. I'm familiar with the
- 11 program that they wrote for NPR, I'm
- 12 familiar with the Holt Company programs
- that are there. 13
- 14 Q. Anything else?
- 15 A. That's it.
- 16 Q. Was the program written for
- 17 NPR, separately from the Holt Company
- programs? 18
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Do you know how it differed?
- 21 A. I know that the program that
- was written for NPR was designed by
- Shalom Cohen. And it was a very large
- 24 program, and they did all their billing

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- 1 on that. He worked on that for about a
- 2 year, until it --
- 3 Q. Do you know when he worked
- 4 on it?
- 5 A. What do you mean when?
- 6 Well, the program was in effect when Sea
- 7 Star Line bought NPR. And I would say it
- 8 had been in effect for about a year. I'm
- 9 familiar with it because it made the
- 10 billing for the truckers much easier.
- 11 Q. Is it your understanding
- 12 that Sea Star Line retained any program,
- 13 other than the NPR program, in the Holt
- 14 system, in the Holt Logistics system?
- 15 A. To my knowledge, the other
- 16 program that they retained was the
- 17 logistics system that they set up for
- 18 NPR.
- 19 Q. When you say "they," whom do
- 20 you mean?
- A. Holt Logistics set up for
- 22 NPR.
- Q. So Sea Star Line, to your
- 24 knowledge, was not involved in any other

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- 1 programs related to the Holt Logistics
- 2 system?
- A. I did not think so. I don't
- 4 know.
- Q. You referred to the loading
- 6 manifest from the MAYAGUEZ. Do you
- 7 recall when that loading manifest was
- 8 dated?
- A. It was dated April 26th to
- 10 the 27th.
- Q. Of what year? 11
- 12 A. 2002.
- Q. How did you use the loading 13
- 14 manifest from the MAYAGUEZ?
- A. I took the loads that were 15
- 16 on it, and I billed for those.
- 17 Q. Have you ever changed your
- 18 billing for those loads?
- 19 A. Yes, I have.
- Q. When did you change your 20
- 21 billing?
- 22 A. Recently, because I couldn't
- 23 get copies of the manifests. I didn't
- 24 find out about the in-transit until

- 1 January of this year.
- Q. This year being 2005?
- 3 A. No, I'm sorry, 2004. And I
- 4 didn't do anything on it, because I
- 5 didn't have the manifest, so I didn't
- 6 know what was in transit.
- 7 And recently in the
- 8 discovery we got a list that shows --
- 9 it's a Sea Star Line document that shows
- 10 what was in transit, where they took
- 11 credits against MBC Leasing, so I have
- 12 adjusted the billing from the containers
- 13 on that list for 14 days credit on each
- 14 unit.
- 15 And I would also like to
- 16 point out that there are a lot of
- 17 mistakes on that, too.
- 18 Q. On what?
- 19 A. On the document.
- Q. On what document?
- A. The in-transit settlement
- 22 with MBC on monies that were due Sea Star
- 23 Line for in-transit moves. I don't have
- 24 the Bates number on it.

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- 1 Q. What mistakes did you find?
- 2 A. Taking credit for days that
- 3 weren't paid.
- 4 Q. Anything else?
- 5 A. That's big, pretty big.
- 6 Q. What is the number?
- 7 A. I don't have the number in
- 8 my head now.
- 9 Q. Approximately, if it's that
- 10 big a number?
- 11 A. I can't tell you. The
- 12 credit is thousands of dollars. But I
- 13 don't have it totaled.
- Q. Any other mistakes that you
- 15 found, that you can recall?
- 16 A. No. The only mistakes that
- 17 I found that I was concerned with were
- 18 the monies. I have to take the listing
- 19 that they have as being correct, but the
- 20 credits are being issued, and that's part
- 21 of the amended bill that we are working
- 22 on.
- Q. What listing do you mean
- 24 when you say the listing that they have?

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- A. I'm talking about the
- 2 documents that were on the Bates report.
- 3 I don't know what the number is. It had
- 4 containers that went out on the MAYAGUEZ,
- 5 the HUMACAO and the GUAYAMA.
- Q. Are you talking about NPR 6
- documents?
- 8 A. No; Sea Star documents.
- 9 Q. Have you ever been informed
- 10 that the documents relating to or listing
- containers that went out on those three
- ships were prepared by NPR?
- 13 A. What do you mean? Were they
- 14 prepared by NPR?
- 15 Q. Have you ever been informed
- 16 that the documents listing containers
- 17 that were on those three ships were
- 18 prepared by NPR?
- 19 A. I've never been informed of
- 20 that.
- 21 Q. Have you ever inquired as to
- 22 how those documents were prepared?
- 23 A. Are you talking about the
- 24 ship manifests?

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- 1 Q. The documents listing the
- 2 containers on those three ships to which
- 3 you referred earlier.
- 4 A. No. Arthur originally
- 5 requested that we have manifests for
- 6 those vessels. We never received the
- 7 manifests. As a result, we could not --
- 8 we had to take whatever we had. But when
- 9 Mr. Holt had a meeting with Mr. Magee in
- 10 December '03, he again asked Mr. Magee
- 11 for the manifests. We never got the
- 12 manifests.
- 13 Q. Are you talking about the
- 14 manifests for those three ships?
- 15 A. Right.
- 16 Q. How do you know that Mr.
- 17 Holt asked Mr. Magee for the manifests
- 18 for those three ships?
- 19 A. No. He asked them for
- 20 manifests period.
- 21 Q. Not particularly for those
- 22 three ships?
- 23 A. I don't know.
- Q. Do you know whether he asked

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- 1 for Sea Star Line manifests?
- 2 A. Sea Star Line manifests.
- 3 Q. Do you know whether the
- 4 manifests for those three ships were Sea
- 5 Star Line manifests?
- 6 A. No, I do not.
- 7 Q. Have you ever looked at
- 8 them?
- 9 A. I have not. I've never seen
- 10 them.
- 11 Q. How did you determine what
- 12 equipment was on those three ships?
- 13 A. The only ship that I could
- 14 determine was the MAYAGUEZ.
- MR. MOLDOFF: Objection to
- 16 form. At what time are you
- 17 talking about? Are you talking
- about at any time?
- 19 THE WITNESS: He said those
- three ships.
- 21 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- Q. Go ahead and answer.
- 23 MR. MOLDOFF: Am I right,
- that you are talking about at any

- time up to the present? 1
- 2 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes.
- 3 THE WITNESS: Now I am
- 4 completely confused.
- BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 6 Q. How did you determine what
- equipment was on board those three ships?
- A. I determined that when I got
- 9 the documents in discovery, which I still
- 10 don't know if that is complete. They
- 11 were Sea Star Line's documents, and
- 12 that's what I was using.
- 13 Q. Did you look at the
- documents?
- 15 A. I absolutely looked at those
- 16 documents, yes.
- 17 Q. And do you know who prepared
- the documents?
- 19 A. I do not know. There's a
- 20 top line which gives you the name of the
- 21 ship, and it came out very dark, so I
- 22 don't know who prepared it. But this was
- given to us in discovery.
- 24 Q. Do you know whether NPR

1	prepared	55 I those documents?	LORRAINE T. ROBINS
2	A.	I would say no.	
3	Q.	You do not know?	
4		MR. MOLDOFF: Wait a minute.	
5	Off	the record.	
6			
7	1	(Whereupon, a discussion was	
8	held off the record.)		
9			
10		(Whereupon, the pertinent	
11	portion of the record was read.)		
12		- 	
13		THE WITNESS: I do not know.	
14	BY MR	. ARMSTRONG:	
15	Q.	Have you asked anyone	
16	whether NPR prepared those documents?		
17	Α.	No.	
8	Q.	From whom did you receive	
9	the documents?		
20	A.	I believe I received them in	
21	the discovery the documents from Sea		
22	Star Line.		
23	Q.	Did any particular	
24	individual give you those documents?		

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- A. I don't recall how I got 1
- 2 them. I just got them a few days ago.
- 3 Q. A few days ago; less than
- two weeks ago?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And who gave them to you?
- 7 A. I don't recall whether it
- 8 was John Evans or whether it was Arthur
- 9 Davis.
- 10 . Q. Is John Evans involved in
- 11 this project of straightening out the
- 12 billing?
- 13 A. John is involved in
- 14 basically helping us get the records
- straightened out. 15
- 16 Q. How long have you known John
- 17 Evans?
- 18 Thirty-some years.
- 19 Q. How do you know John Evans?
- 20 John came to work for Holt
- 21 Cargo Systems, Inc. back in about 1970,
- 22 the early '70s. Maybe it was late '68,
- 23 '69.
- 24 Q. What was his position with

- 1 Holt Cargo Systems, Inc.?
- 2 A. Accounting.
- 3 Q. Has he held other positions
- 4 with any of the Holt Companies?
- A. He has held other positions
- 6 and I don't know. He was officer in some
- 7 positions, but I don't recall his
- 8 offices.
- Q. Do you know what his
- 10 responsibilities were?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Has he ever held legal
- 13 positions in any of the Holt Companies?
- 14 A. Yes.
- What positions have those 15
- 16 been?
- 17 A. House counsel.
- 18 Q. With what company or
- 19 companies?
- 20 A. I don't know whether it was
- 21 Holt Cargo Systems or Holt Group, Inc., I
- 22 don't know.
- Q. Do you know how long he was 23
- 24 house counsel?

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- 1 A. No, I don't.
- Q. Do you know when he was last
- 3 house counsel?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. After you received these
- 6 documents regarding the three ships, did
- 7 you review them?
- 8 A. Yes, I did.
- 9 Q. And have you made any
- 10 changes in your claims after reviewing
- 11 these documents?
- 12 A. Yes, I have.
- 13 Q. What changes have you made?
- 14 A. I gave credit for 14 days on
- 15 the vessels that we had billed -- I mean
- 16 on the containers that we had billed.
- 17 Q. Did you make any other
- 18 changes?
- 19 A. No.
- Q. And how did you determine
- 21 what the on-hire date was for equipment
- 22 on board these three vessels after you
- 23 gave the credit?
- A. Do you know, I gave the

- 1 credit on April 29th, according to the
- 2 lease, but I really wanted to discuss it,
- 3 because I think it should have been to
- 4 the 27th, because they were already en
- 5 route.
- 6 Q. That wasn't my question.
- 7 How did you determine what the on-hire
- 8 date for a particular piece of equipment
- 9 on board one of those vessels was, after
- 10 you gave that in-transit credit?
- 11 A. I don't understand your
- 12 question. The billing that -- if I had
- 13 billing, I had already -- on the billings
- 14 that I had for Sea Star Line, say on a
- 15 40-foot container, I already had Sea Star
- 16 Line's date that they said they put it on
- 17 hire, or I had the actual date, if you
- 18 are familiar with the bills. And then I
- 19 comment as to how I came to that.
- Now either -- that didn't
- 21 change. So that if it was an on-hire
- 22 date, in lots of instances I took Sea
- 23 Star Line's on-hire date, because I
- 24 didn't have any other information. If I

- 1 know the equipment was on the vessel, I
- 2 gave them 4/29.
- 3 Q. You gave them --
- 4 A. As an on-hire date, I gave
- 5 Sea Star Line 4/29 as an on-hire date. I
- 6 had no other information.
- Q. If the equipment was on
- 8 board one of these three ships, you have
- 9 a 4/29 on-hire date?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Have you ever changed that?
- 12 A. I gave credit.
- 13 Q. What credit did you give?
- 14 A. I gave them credit for two
- 15 weeks.
- 16 Q. Now, did you then set the
- 17 on-hire date for the day after the
- 18 two-week credit period?
- 19 A. What? Pardon me?
- Q. Correct me if I'm wrong.
- 21 You say that you billed beginning
- 22 4/29/2002 for equipment listed on board
- 23 these three vessels. You gave credit for
- 24 14 days. Did you then set the on-hire

- 1 date as the day after the 14-day period
- 2 ended?
- A. I did if I had documentation 3
- that called for it still being on hire.
- Q. What documentation was that? 5
- A. Could be a TIR, could be an
- 7 inventory.
- 8 Q. Anything else?
- 9 MR. MOLDOFF: Objection to
- 10 form.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Any other
- 12 document that I would have at that
- 13 particular time.
- 14 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 15 Q. Was it your understanding
- 16 that any piece of equipment listed in an
- 17 inventory was on hire to Sea Star Line?
- 18 A. No.
- 19 Q. How did you determine what
- equipment listed in inventories was on
- 21 hire to Sea Star Line?
- 22 A. Well, I only -- the only
- 23 inventories that I recall I had -- two
- 24 inventories were San Juan. One was dated

- 1 6/22 and one was dated 8/14. These were
- 2 not signed by any Emerald
- 3 representatives. And these were not
- 4 given to Emerald until sometime in 2003.
- 5 When I say June -- June 22nd and August
- 6 15th, that's '02, the year '02 on those.
- 7 I took the two inventories
- 8 and put them on an Excel sheet. And if,
- 9 in fact, the container -- and this was
- 10 only on containers -- if the container
- 11 was there for the 22nd of June and the
- 12 14th of June -- I mean the 15th of
- 13 August, I gave them credit to the 22nd of
- 14 June.
- But in cases where it wasn't
- 16 on the June 22nd inventory, but it was on
- 17 the August 15th inventory, I gave them
- 18 credit for August 15th. Or in some
- 19 instances it was taken out again. And in
- 20 those instances it would be either a TIR
- 21 or some documentation, whichever it is.
- But all of these things were
- 23 explained in the comments to our billing
- 24 of why we did it, how we did it, why we

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- 1 started on a certain date. And TIR
- 2 numbers were given on that comments
- 3 section, too.
- Q. Okay.
- 5 A. The other inventory I had
- 6 was one from Marty McDonald, which he did
- 7 sign for, and that was for chassis and
- 8 gensets. And I gave credit for that.
- 9 Q. How did you give credit in
- 10 connection with the June 22nd inventory?
- 11 A. I just billed it to June
- 12 22nd.
- 13 Q. So if it was on the
- 14 inventory, you stopped your billing as of
- 15 June 22nd?
- 16 A. That's correct.
- 17 Q. Did you make any inquiry as
- 18 to whether any of the equipment of the
- 19 June 22nd inventory was in storage or had
- 20 been in storage prior to June 22nd?
- A. When I billed, I didn't bill
- 22 anything to Sea Star Line unless I had a
- 23 movement of some kind that they had
- 24 touched it. If they had it, I billed it.

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- 2 Star Line on it, I did not bill it.
- 3 I mean, there are quite a
- 4 few in that June 22nd inventory that I
- 5 didn't bill because I couldn't find any
- 6 connection to Sea Star Line. I didn't
- 7 take the whole inventory and just bill
- 8 it.
- 9 Q. Are you familiar with the
- 10 NPR program?
- 11 A. What NPR program?
- 12 Q. The NPR program prepared by
- 13 Shalom Cohen.
- 14 A. Vaguely.
- Q. Do you know how the NPR
- 16 program requires that you show taking
- 17 possession of a piece of equipment?
- 18 A. No, I don't.
- 19 Q. Do you know whether you have
- 20 to show an on hire to show that you have
- 21 possession of a piece of equipment under
- 22 that program?
- A. No, I don't have to.
- Q. Are you familiar with a

- 1 program called IQ -- you say you do not
- 2 have to?
- 3 A. I don't think you have to.
- 4 I don't know. I don't know the exact --
- 5 am I familiar with what?
- 6 Q. Are you familiar with a
- 7 program called IQ Ship?
- 8 A. I understand it's a program
- 9 that Sea Star Line uses.
- 10 Q. Now, with respect to the
- 11 August 15th inventory, how did you give
- 12 your credits, what procedure did you use?
- 13 A. If it appeared on the August
- 14 15th inventory and did not appear on the
- 15 June 22nd inventory, I used August 15th,
- 16 unless I had other information that the
- 17 container was still on hire.
- 18 Q. What other information would
- 19 that be?
- A. Well, for one thing, a
- 21 container supposed to be in storage in
- 22 San Juan August 15th ends up with a TIR
- 23 coming back into Jacksonville. I think
- 24 that's a pretty good example.

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- 1 Q. Coming into Jacksonville
- 2 after August 15th?
- A. Mm-hum. 3
- Q. Do you know whether Sea Star
- 5 Line moved empty equipment, that is,
- 6 Emerald equipment, from San Juan to
- 7 Jacksonville?
- 8 A. I'm quite sure that -- I
- 9 don't know what they did.
- Q. Do you ever inquire? 10
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Is that the procedure that
- 13 you followed with respect to the
- McDonald-signed inventory?
- 15 A. Yes. But bear in mind, Mr.
- Armstrong, these TIRs weren't seven days
- later, they were months later.
- 18 Q. What TIRs are you
- 19 referencing now?
- 20 A. Where they were accepted
- into Jacksonville by GTS, or that they
- appeared on a rail car with CSX. 22
- 23 Q. Let's talk about the
- 24 acceptance into Jacksonville by GTS. Was

- 1 it your understanding that the agreement
- 2 between Sea Star Line and Emerald
- 3 required that a unit be accepted into
- 4 Jacksonville by GTS?
- 5 A. Yes, it was. After August
- 6 1st.
- 7 Q. What about before August 1,
- 8 2002?
- 9 MR. MOLDOFF: Objection to
- 10 form.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Up until then
- there was -- GTS went to work for
- Greenwich sometime, end of July.
- 14 So prior to August 1st we took or
- 15 I took Sea Star Line's off-hire
- dates and used them. That is,
- where they gave me a listing of
- the equipment, specific numbers.
- 19 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- Q. After August 2004, have you
- 21 been amending your spreadsheets?
- A. Yes, I have.
- Q. Has the total claim
- 24 increased?

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- 1 A. I think that it probably
- will remain about the same, because when
- 3 we got certain documents, we found
- several that we have not billed. And
- 5 even giving the credits, just checking
- one or two, it didn't make that much of a
- 7 difference.
- 8 Q. How did you determine what
- units were in Sea Star Line's possession
- 10 as of April 27, 2002?
- 11 A. April 22nd?
- 12 Q. April 27, 2002.
- 13 A. I wasn't involved with it at
- that time.
- 15 Q. Did you make any effort to
- determine what units were in Sea Star
- 17 Line's possession as of April 27, 2002?
- 18 A. As I said, I was not
- 19 involved in it at that time.
- 20 Q. Did you make any effort
- determine what units were in inland
- 22 depots -- and I am speaking of Emerald
- units -- as of April 27, 2002?
- 24 A. I was not involved in that.

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- Q. I understand. When you 1
- 2 became involved, did you make any effort
- 3 to determine what Emerald units had been
- 4 in Sea Star Line's possession as of April
- 5 27, 2002?
- The only thing that I 6
- 7 received was a list from Mr. Rooks dated
- 8 the 23rd or the 26th of July, which is a
- 9 list of containers or equipment that was
- 10 in various depots.
- 11 Q. When did you receive the
- list from Mr. Rooks? 12
- 13 A. Maybe it was the end of
- July, beginning of August '02.
- 15 Q. When you say depots, are you
- 16 referring to inland depots?
- 17 A. Basically they were trucking
- 18 companies. I guess they were depots.
- 19 Q. Other than that list, have
- you made any effort, when you became
- involved, to determine what Emerald units
- were in Sea Star Line's possession as of
- 23 April 27, 2002?
- 24 A. I, myself, was not, as I

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- 1 said, involved in that. But I do know
- 2 the only way -- the only information we
- 3 had -- we couldn't get the manifest and
- 4 we just really didn't know what they had.
- 5 So I relied on their self-billing
- 6 reports.
- 7 Q. Did you rely on any NPR
- inventories?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. When you became involved,
- did you make an effort to determine what
- 12 Emerald equipment was held by third
- parties as of April 27, 2002?
- 14 A. What do you mean by third
- parties? Such as? 15
- 16 Q. Stevedores, repair
- 17 facilities.
- 18 A. Not that I know of. There
- 19 shouldn't have been any, because the
- companies were -- the company was in
- 21 bankruptcy. And any of those claims
- 22 would have been settled in the bankruptcy
- 23 court.
- 24 Q. Did you discuss with anyone

- 1 whether any Emerald equipment had been
- 2 held by third parties as of April 27,
- 3 2002?
- It wasn't being held, but
- 5 there were several places where Sea Star
- 6 Line needed equipment that was at
- 7 various -- like Thermo King and various
- places. Could be depots.
- 9 Not being familiar with Sea
- 10 Star Line, they wouldn't take their
- 11 releases -- equipment had an NPR release.
- Or we couldn't give them an NPR release,
- because they were out of business. 13
- 14 But they would talk to me,
- 15 because I had done a lot of work with
- these various truckers and depots, and
- they knew me, and they wanted -- so I
- would tell them, they can release it to
- 19 Sea Star Line or else write them, give
- 20 them written permission to release it.
- 21 Q. Did you ever become aware
- that depots were withholding equipment
- 23 because of debts that they claimed were
- 24 owed by NPR?

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- 1 A. No, not to my knowledge.
- 2 Q. Did you make an effort,
- 3 after you became involved, to determine
- what equipment was being held in storage
- at depots, speaking of Emerald equipment?
- 6 A. I had no knowledge that
- 7 equipment was being held, other than the
- one list that I received from Andy Rooks,
- and I know that Sea Star Line had
- equipment at various depots.
- 11 Q. Did you make an effort to
- 12 determine, aside from your conversations
- with Mr. Rooks, what equipment was in 13
- storage at these depots, speaking of
- 15 Emerald equipment?
- 16 A. I didn't know what was in
- 17 storage at those depots. I didn't get
- any information, and I wasn't under the
- impression that they were storing
- 20 containers or chassis or gensets at
- depots. 21
- 22 Q. After you became involved,
- did you make an effort to determine what
- 24 equipment, speaking of Emerald equipment,

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- 1 was being held in storage at Sea Star
- 2 facilities?
- A. The inventories that I had
- were the only inventories -- the June
- 5 22nd, '02, August 15th, '02, July 10,
- 6 '02, Marty McDonald's and the sands lot.
- 7 I thought I had them all.
- 8 Q. How did you determine what
- equipment was in storage and what
- 10 equipment was in use by Sea Star Line?
- 11 A. Again, I have to say, I
- 12 would go to my documents, to the move
- 13 histories, to my TIRs, and determine
- 14 whether it was in use or not.
- 15 Q. Have you ever read the
- equipment rental agreement between Sea
- Star and Emerald? 17
- 18 Just sections of it.
- 19 What sections do you recall
- 20 reading?
- 21 A. The charges, the rates, per
- 22 diems, redelivery.
- 23 MR. ARMSTRONG: Let's take a
- 24 break.

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5	BY MR.	ARMSTRONG:	
6	Q.	Have you received copies of	
7	TIRs aft	er August 2004?	
8	A.	August 2004?	
9	Q.	Yes.	
10	A.	Yes, I have.	
11	Q.	And what have you done with	
12	those TIRs?		
13	A.	I'm spreadsheeting them.	
14	Q.	Are you amending your	
15	spreadsheets using those TIRs?		
16	A.	Well, since I just finished	
17	entering	all the TIRs that I have,	
18	because we didn't get those until January		
19	8, '05, so I haven't made any amendments		
20	to my billing.		
21	Q.	Have you also prepared	
22	deprecia	ited value billings?	
23	A.	I had prepared billing for	
24	the no	t depreciated value, it's the	

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- 1 value is set forth in lease for each type
- 2 of equipment. I have prepared those.
- 3 Q. And what was your procedure
- in preparing those billings?
- 5 A. Any equipment that wasn't
- 6 returned, that was on our self-billing
- 7 report after the 30th of November, I
- 8 considered lost. There had been
- instances where it was delivered to us
- 10 later and I've adjusted it.
- 11 Q. For purposes of preparing
- the DV billings, you use self billings
- 13 reports?
- 14 A. What do you mean DV?
- 15 Q. I call it depreciated value.
- You probably call it stipulated value.
- 17 A. Yes, stipulated.
- 18 Q. For purposes of preparing
- those reports, you used the self-billing
- reports to determine what equipment was 20
- 21 in Sea Star's possession?
- 22 A. I used the schedules and the
- 23 invoices I sent to Sea Star Line.
- 24 Q. How did you determine that

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- 2 stipulated value billings had been in Sea
- Star Line's possession?
- A. If it was on --
- 5 MR. MOLDOFF: Objection to
- 6 form.
- THE WITNESS: If it was on
- 8 my billings, I had already
- 9 determined it had been in Sea Star.
- 10 Line's possession. Again, I show
- 11 in my comments on my bills how I
- 12 came to this conclusion.
- 13 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 14 Q. I'm going to show you a copy.
- 15 of a Schedule DV 20-foot container
- 16 8/23/2004, amended. I will ask the court
- 17 reporter to mark this as Exhibit-1 to
- this deposition. We will call it
- 19 Robins-1.
- 20
- 21 (Whereupon, Exhibit Robins-1
- 22 was marked for identification.)
- 23
- 24 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:

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- 1 Q. Can you identify this
- 2 document?
- 3 A. This isn't my document.
- 4 Q. Well, I will tell you that
- 5 that's a copy of the document, to my
- 6 knowledge, that we have, shall we say,
- 7 translated from hard copy to computer
- 8 disk, and that's a printout from the
- 9 disk.
- 10 A. This is not my copy. I
- 11 mean, one, my copy shows the actual days
- 12 that they paid. It's all -- each month.
- 13 MR. MOLDOFF: You are saying
- this doesn't have the complete
- information on it?
- 16 THE WITNESS: Doesn't have
- the complete information.
- 18 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 19 Q. Does it have the information
- 20 that is shown on there?
- 21 MR. MOLDOFF: Objection to
- form. The document speaks for
- 23 itself.
- THE WITNESS: Yes.

- MR. MOLDOFF: Is there a 1
- 2 question?
- 3 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- Q. The columns there, are those
- 5 columns that you utilized or did you
- utilize different columns?
- 7 A. Well --
- MR. MOLDOFF: If you know. 8
- THE WITNESS: Yes, I had
- 10 other columns in here.
- 11 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 12 Q. But the columns there that
- 13 are on that document --
- 14 A. I would have to have the
- 15 other document to compare it.
- 16 Q. Did you comment that certain
- 17 equipment was used as fence?
- 18 A. Yes.
- What do you mean by that? 19
- 20 A. When Arthur Davis was down
- 21 in Puerto Rico, they had built, out of
- the containers, a fence. He called me
- 23 and gave me the numbers. And I think we
- 24 also sent an e-mail immediately to Mr.

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- 1 Rooks about the containers being used as
- 2 a fence. In fact, I think a few days
- 3 later he went back and found another
- fence.
- Q. Did you expect that the
- 6 Emerald equipment would be stored in the
- 7 middle of Sea Star's terminal?
- A. Yes, yes, I did. There were
- supposed to be certain places they were
- going to store it, from what I understood
- later, but I didn't expect them to use it
- 12 down at the end of the terminal and build
- a fence between them and their ships.
- 14 Q. Did you have a discussion
- with anyone in Puerto Rico about that?
- A. I spoke with Mr. Davis when 16
- 17 he was down there.
- 18 Q. Did you speak to anybody
- 19 else?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Now, when you are talking
- about "fence" in your comments, are you
- 23 talking about units that are on the
- 24 perimeter of the terminal?

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- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 And based --Q.
- 3 Or the sides.
- 4 Q. And based on the fact that
- 5 the units were on the perimeter or the
- 6 sides of the terminal, you determined
- 7 that they were being used as a fence?
- A. No. They were being used as
- a fence. You can tell a difference
- 10 between storage and a fence.
- 11 Q. How can you tell the
- 12 difference between storage and a fence?
- 13 A. Well, you would have to go
- 14 to the terminal and see.
- 15 What terminal?
- 16 A. Go to the terminal in San
- 17 Juan or you could go -- how can I explain
- 18 it?
- 19 Q. Would you have to go to the
- terminal in San Juan to determine whether
- 21 these units were in storage or used as a
- 22 fence?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Did you go to the terminal

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- 1 in San Juan?
- 2 A. No, I did not.
- 3 Q. Have you ever visited the
- 4 terminal, the Sea Star terminal in San
- 5 Juan?
- 6 A. No, I haven't.
- 7 Q. Did you ever visit the
- 8 terminal in San Juan when it was an NPR
- 9 terminal?
- 10 A. No, I haven't.
- 11 Q. Your comment is based on
- 12 what Arthur Davis told you?
- 13 A. That's correct. He called
- 14 me from San Juan when he was on the pier
- 15 and gave me the numbers for several
- 16 pieces that were being used.
- 17 Q. Do you recall when he did
- 18 that?
- 19 A. Could have been January,
- 20 February '03.
- Q. I show you a copy of a
- 22 document entitled Order Authorizing Sale
- 23 of the NPR Assets Free and Clear of All
- 24 Liens, Claims and Encumbrances, which has

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- 1 been marked as Exhibit-4 to the Emerald
- 2 deposition.
- 3 Have you ever seen that
- document before?
- 5 When I refer to the Emerald
- 6 deposition, I'm referring to the
- 7 deposition in which Arthur Davis appeared
- 8 as Emerald's designee.
- 9 A. No, I haven't seen this.
- 10 Q. Look at paragraph 13 on page
- 11 eight, please.
- 12 A. (Witness complies.)
- 13 Q. Has anyone ever advised you
- 14 of the storage requirement in the court's
- 15 order?
- 16 MR. MOLDOFF: Objection to
- 17 form.
- 18 THE WITNESS: No.
- 19 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 20 Q. Has anyone ever advised you
- 21 of the subject matter of paragraph 13 on
- 22 page eight?
- 23 A. No.
- 24 Q. I'm going to show you

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- 1 Exhibit-8 to the Emerald deposition and
- 2 ask you whether you recognize the
- 3 signature on page 17.
- 4 A. Nope. No, I don't.
- 5 Q. Let me show you Exhibit-7 to
- 6 the Emerald deposition and ask you
- 7 whether you recognize the signature.
- 8 A. No, I don't.
- 9 That is on page 17?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Let me show you a copy of a
- 12 letter dated April 11, 2002, that has
- 13 been marked as Exhibit-33 to the Emerald
- 14 deposition. Have you ever seen that
- 15 letter before?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. Let me show I a copy of the
- equipment rental agreement that has been
- 19 marked as Exhibit-16 to the Emerald
- deposition. Have you ever seen that
- 21 document before?
- 22 A. Yes, I have.
- 23 Q. When did you first see that
- 24 document?

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- 1 I don't recall.
- 2 What provisions in that Q.
- 3 document have you reviewed?
- A. I have reviewed the -- I 4
- 5 reviewed this, the Schedule A, which
- 6 gives you the lease rate, the stipulated
- 7 loss rate and the damage. I reviewed
- that. And I reviewed the redelivery.
- 9 Q. Did you ever look at
- 10 paragraph one?
- 11 Yes, I've looked at that.
- 12 Q. Did you discuss the contents
- of paragraph one with anyone?
- 14 A. This lease was signed in --
- 15 dated -- I don't know when it was signed,
- 16 because there is no date on the signature
- 17 page -- August '02.
- 18 The equipment that you are
- talking about was already in evidence,
- 20 was already in use, so you couldn't get
- 21 interchanges on it.
- 22 Q. How did you determine what
- equipment was in use on April 29th, 2002,
- 24 that is, in use by Sea Star?

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- 1 Well, this is something that
- 2 we looked at six months after it had
- 3 already been in use. So by that time we
- 4 had the self-billing reports. I would
- 5 say June, July, August, September, four
- 6 to five months, took the equipment that
- 7 was on the self-billing list and
- considered that in use.
- 9 Q. So every piece of equipment
- on the self-billing list you considered
- 11 in use?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Did you consider any other
- 14 equipment in use?
- 15 A. Well, later on, yes. In
- 16 checking the self-billing reports where
- they had a container in some instances,
- 18 especially if it came out of Packer
- Avenue, we could go into the computer and
- could tell whether it was with a chassis
- 21 or a container with a chassis or a
- chassis with a container.
- 23 So then we would know it was
- 24 a double move. So we would bill the

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- 1 container or the chassis, whichever
- 2 showed up with it, with a TIR going in or
- 3 out of the gate.
- Q. Did you look at anything
- 5 else?
- I looked at the vessel load
- 7 and discharge, on the computer, that was
- 8 inputted by the Sea Star personnel, and
- 9 if they -- they showed loads and who the
- 10 loads -- the customers on the loads. I
- 11 billed those. If I had TIRs from JAX
- 12 Port, I billed those.
- 13 Whatever information I got
- from CSX Lines, which we received daily
- from their electronic systems, if the
- containers were moving on the rails, I
- billed those. 17
- 18 Q. You were aware, were you
- not, that the terms and conditions of the
- equipment rental agreement cover
- equipment in use at various times,
- commencing April 29th, 2002. Correct?
- 23 MR. MOLDOFF: Objection to
- 24 form.

- 1 THE WITNESS: I was more
- 2 aware of the May 1 agreement where
- 3 they -- I think Mr. Bates, Phil
- 4 Bates, sent -- it was a memorandum
- 5 of agreement that he sent to
- 6 Thomas Holt, Junior, for the use
- 7 of the equipment.
- 8 So I really didn't
- 9 consider -- I mean this
- 10 paragraph -- I was working with
- 11 the agreement that we had with Mr.
- 12 Bates or that Tom Holt, Junior,
- had with Mr. Bates. 13
- 14 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 15 Q. When you say "this
- 16 paragraph" --
- 17 A. I didn't say "this
- 18 paragraph." I was working with the
- 19 agreement that was made by Mr. Bates with
- 20 Mr. Holt, Junior. Tom Holt, Junior.
- Q. When you say "this 21
- 22 paragraph," are you talking about
- 23 paragraph number one?
- 24 A. Yes, paragraph number one I

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- 1 didn't see until -- the first time I saw
- 2 it is when I got the billing structure.
- 3 Q. And when was that?
- 4 A. September or October of '02.
- 5 Q. After September or October
- 6 of '02, were you aware of paragraph
- 7 number one?
- 8 A. No, I wasn't aware of it.
- 9 When did you become aware of
- paragraph number one?
- 11 A. I just read it over. I
- 12 didn't -- I really didn't -- I don't know
- 13 when I became aware of it, to tell you
- 14 the truth. As I said, I remember just
- 15 checking on the rates and the redelivery.
- 16 Q. Redelivery being paragraph
- 17 number ten in the equipment rental
- agreement?
- 19 Let me see. Yes.
- 20 Q. Would it be fair to say that
- 21 in preparing your billing, you did not
- 22 use paragraph number one of the equipment
- 23 rental agreement?
- 24 MR. MOLDOFF: Objection to

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- 1 form.
- 2 THE WITNESS: In doing my
- 3 billing I used whatever
- 4 documentation I had to do the
- 5 billing. If I had a TIR, I used
- 6 it. If I had a load that was
- 7 discharged from a vessel and went
- 8 out the gate, I used that. If it
- 9 was on CSX Rail, I used that.
- 10 I did not get any TIRs from
- 11 San Juan until discovery. Well,
- no, no, I'm sorry, that's wrong.
- 13 I got some in December.
- 14 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 15 Q. Did Emerald have
- 16 representatives in San Juan?
- 17 A. Yes, they did.
- 18 Q. Who were those
- 19 representatives?
- A. Marty McDonald and Frankie
- 21 Gonzalez.
- Q. Did you ever discuss TIRs
- 23 with Marty McDonald?
- 24 A. No.

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- 1 Q. Did you ever ask Marty
- 2 McDonald to get TIRs?
- A. Well, Marty McDonald would
- 4 know to get TIRs. He was a steamship
- 5 man.
- Did you ask him to get TIRs?
- 7 No, I did not.
- 8 Q. How long did Marty McDonald
- 9 remain an Emerald representative in San
- 10 Juan?
- 11 I do not know the exact
- 12 date.
- 13 Q. Did you ask Frankie Gonzalez
- 14 to get San Juan TIRs?
- 15 A. I didn't, Arthur Davis did.
- 16 Q. How do you know that Arthur
- 17 Davis did?
- 18 Because he told me.
- 19 When did he tell you that?
- 20 A. We started getting TIRs in
- October of '03 and December of '03, and
- 22 Frankie was assigning them then. But he
- was signing out for equipment prior to
- 24 that. That was part of his job.

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- Did you ask him to get TIRs 1
- 2 that he had signed prior to that?
- A. I never had any dealings 3
- 4 whatsoever with Frankie.
- 5 Q. Did you ask Arthur Davis to
- 6 ask Frankie to get TIRs that had been
- 7 signed prior to that?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. Let me show you a copy of an
- 10 e-mail that's been marked as Exhibit-34
- 11 to the Emerald deposition. Were you
- 12 involved in the Emerald billing project
- 13 in May 2002?
- 14 A. No, I wasn't.
- Q. By whom were you employed in 15
- 16 May 2002?
- A. I was still employed by Holt 17
- Group. 18
- 19 Q. What were your
- responsibilities in connection with the
- 21 Emerald equipment in May 2002?
- A. In May of 2002 I didn't have 22
- any responsibilities towards it, towards
- 24 the Emerald equipment.

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- 1 Q. What responsibilities did
- 2 you have with depots in May 2002?
- 3 A. None, other than I had -- I
- didn't have any contact -- well, I had
- contact with them, because I answered
- 6 some of these things for Tom. But it
- 7 wasn't in conjunction with Illinois
- 8 Auto --
- 9 These were all truckers and
- people that had dealt with NPR. So Tom
- Holt had asked me to look into it for
- 12 him. Tom Holt, Junior, that is. He
- 13 passed it on to Arthur, and Arthur passed
- 14 it on to me, I believe.
- 15 Were you working for Arthur?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Why would Arthur pass it on
- 18 to you?
- 19 A. Because Arthur knew that I
- knew these people better than he did.
- These are all -- as I told you before, I
- was straightening out the billing and the
- trucking companies for NPR. Arthur was
- 24 working as treasurer -- was working,

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- 1 supervising the accounts payable. And in
- 2 doing their statements and everything, I
- 3 got to know these people pretty well.
- 4 That's why I called.
- 5 Q. Have you billed Sea Star for
- 6 Emerald equipment located at the depots
- 7 listed in that e-mail for the periods
- 8 prior to May 10, 2002?
- 9 MR. MOLDOFF: If you know.
- 10 THE WITNESS: Well, I know
- 11 that I have billed Illinois Auto
- as of May 8th, because that's when
- I wrote a letter telling them to
- 14 release it to Sea Star.
- 15 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 16 Q. When did you start billing
- 17 Fastlane?
- 18 A. Fastlane I only would have
- 19 billed if a unit was put in there by Sea
- 20 Star after the 27th of June or taken out
- 21 of there -- I mean of April. On Global,
- 22 I billed containers with them, because I
- 23 had information on their loads that they
- 24 were moving for Sea Star.

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- 1 Q. When did you begin billing
- 2 Global?
- 3 A. Various bills. It depends
- 4 on whichever container I had information
- 5 on.
- 6 Q. Did you bill Global prior to
- 7 or for the periods prior to May 10, 2002?
- 8 MR. MOLDOFF: Objection to
- 9 form.
- 10 THE WITNESS: I would have
- 11 to check his bills.
- 12 MR. MOLDOFF: You said
- 13 billed Global.
- 14 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 15 Q. Did you bill for equipment
- 16 located at Empire for periods prior to
- 17 May 10, 2002?
- 18 A. I believe so. Prior to
- 19 when?
- 20 Q. May 10, 2002.
- 21 A. I would have to check my
- 22 records on that.
- Q. Do you recall?
- 24 A. I don't recall. You

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- 1 realize, there were a lot of containers
- 2 moving around.
- 3 Q. Let me show you a copy of a
- document that's been marked Exhibit-35 to
- the Emerald deposition. Do you recognize
- 6 that?
- 7 A. I remember -- I don't
- recognize it, but I remember that they
- had to have -- they had some sort of a
- 10 legal question they wanted settled.
- 11 Q. Did you bill for equipment,
- Emerald equipment, located at Illinois
- Auto prior to May 13, 2002? 13
- 14 A. I billed for it from May
- 15 8th, the day that I released it. I sent
- a letter to Illinois Auto and a copy to
- Sea Star, releasing the equipment. 17
- 18 And the other was a problem
- 19 that they had to give them some sort
- of -- I don't know whether it was
- 21 insurance or what have you. But I do
- have a letter that I released it on May
- 8th. So I billed from Illinois Auto on
- 24 May 8th.

1 Q. Let me show a copy	0Ī
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- 2 e-mails which I will ask the court
- 3 reporter to mark as Exhibit-2 for
- 4 identification.
- 5 - -
- 6 (Whereupon, Exhibit Robins-2
- 7 was marked for identification.)
- 8 ---
- 9 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 10 Q. You were aware, as of May
- 11 13th, that Illinois Auto was refusing to
- 12 release equipment?
- 13 A. Mm-hum, yes.
- Q. Did you change your billing
- 15 to Sea Star?
- MR. MOLDOFF: I object.
- 17 THE WITNESS: I don't know.
- 18 I remember the first part. I
- would have to check it.
- 20 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- Q. You were aware, on May 13th,
- 22 that Global and Fastlane were still
- 23 refusing to release equipment?
- 24 MR. MOLDOFF: Objection to

- 1 form.
- 2 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 3 Q. Correct?
- 4 A. No, that is not correct.
- 5 Q. Did you ever become aware
- 6 that Global and Fastlane were refusing to
- 7 release equipment to Sea Star?
- 8 A. I became aware that Global
- 9 was -- Sea Star was using Global Lines as
- 10 a carrier, and they were using our
- 11 equipment in early May.
- 12 Q. How did you become aware of
- 13 that?
- A. In error, they sent me all
- 15 their invoices, to Sea Star.
- 16 Q. What is Global Lines?
- 17 A. Global Intermodal Service.
- 18 Q. And those invoices pertain
- 19 to Emerald equipment?
- 20 A. Yes. And they showed
- 21 containers, they showed the loads.
- Q. I show you a copy of a
- 23 document which I have asked the court
- 24 reporter to mark as Exhibit-3 to this

1	98 deposition.		
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3	(Whereupon, Exhibit Robins-3		
4	was marked for identification.)		
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6	BY MR. ARMSTRONG:		
7	Q. Do you recognize that?		
8	A. Well, when I got the bills		
9	from Global, and we called them to tell		
10	them that they were wrong, that he had		
11	I think he billed them to NPR and he had		
12	to bill them to Sea Star, and the same		
13	thing with Fastlane's, then they wanted		
14	us to send a letter that it was okay to		
15	release to Sea Star Line.		
16	Q. Did you send that letter?		
17	A. I asked Bill Streich to send		
18	that letter.		
19	Q. Who is Bill Streich?		
20	A. He was the I guess the		
21	chief financial officer for the Holt		
22	Group, Inc. That was his title.		
23	Q. Did Bill Streich send that		

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24 letter?

- 1 MR. MOLDOFF: Objection to
- 2 form.
- 3 THE WITNESS: As far as I
- 4 know, he did.
- 5 BY MR. ARMSTRONG:
- 6 Q. Let me show you a copy of a
- 7 May 17, 2002 document that's been marked
- 8 as Exhibit-31 to the Emerald deposition.
- 9 Have you seen that document before?
- 10 A. I don't recall having seen
- 11 this before.
- 12 Q. Do you recognize the
- 13 handwriting on the second page?
- 14 A. Yes, mine.
- 15 Q. What was your purpose in
- 16 writing on the second page?
- 17 A. I don't know. I don't
- 18 remember.
- 19 Q. Did you and Mr. Davis have
- any communications regarding sending a
- 21 note to Sea Star, in connection with CSX?
- 22 MR. MOLDOFF: Objection to
- 23 form.
- 24 THE WITNESS: I'm looking at

1	100 a note to Mr. Rooks from Arthur	LORRAINE T. ROBINS
2	Davis. That's all I know about	
3	it. I don't recall what my I	
4	think these dates must be the	
5	dates that they went in or out. I	
6	don't know.	
7	BY MR. ARMSTRONG:	
8	Q. Do you know why Mr. Davis	
9	would send a note to Mr. Rooks with	• .
10	respect to CSX transactions that occurred	
11	prior to April 27, 2002?	
12	A. Well, I'm reading this and	
13	it says	
14	MR. MOLDOFF: Don't	
15	speculate.	
16	THE WITNESS: I'm not. I	
17	think the memo speaks for itself.	
18	BY MR. ARMSTRONG:	
19	Q. Do you think Mr. Davis was	
20	trying to bill Mr. Rooks for those CSX	
21	moves?	
22	MR. MOLDOFF: Objection to	
23	form.	
24	THE WITNESS: I do not think	